

# THE CUDGELS TAKEN UP

For Preservation Of The  
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Against The Inroads Being  
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By Employers' Liability In-  
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Under Decision Of The Insur-  
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Which Is To Be Challenged  
In The Courts

Columbus, O., Sept. 28.—The Ohio state industrial commission has taken up the cudgels for the preservation of Ohio's workmen's compensation law against the inroads of the employers' liability insurance companies. Resolution has been passed and sent to the attorney general asking him to contest in the courts the decision of State Insurance Commissioner Frank Taggart which permits the insurance companies to compete with the state insurance fund and which permits them to insure employers against the results of their own wilful acts or the non-compliance with state safety regulations.

It will be remembered that the action of Governor Cox in making compulsory the state workmen's compensation and the barring of the writing of indemnity insurance for employers was one of the great planks of opposition to him and during the campaign an apparent arrangement was perfected with the forces of the present governor. The liability companies supported Governor Willis for election and then sought immediately to have their notes paid after Willis was inaugurated. This assault on the state legislature was successfully resisted and labor forces breathed a sigh of relief until came the ruling of Mr. Taggart, a Willis appointee. Under this ruling widest latitude has been given indemnity and liability companies and they have begun a vigorous campaign. The industrial commission contends that the ruling is in strict violation of the state compensation act and it is a flat contradiction of a ruling of former attorney general T. S. Hogan, who asserted that it was against law and against public policy to permit one to insure himself against the consequences of his own wrongful act.

The Ohio Federation of Labor has been preparing to bring action to resist the insurance commissioners' ruling and just last week so decided when it became apparent that the Willis administration was seemingly seeking to further embarrass the work of the industrial commission by turning it over to the spoilsman. Labor's intentions brought action when the industrial commission, T. J. Duffy alone resisting, complied with the patronage demands of the governor. It is likely now that the attorneys for the labor interests will seek to join in any action that may be brought, and in this matter it is said they will be given "aid and succor" by individuals forming the Ohio Manufacturers' Association who are thoroughly pleased at the situation of the past two years.

Suit to enforce the contract for automobile tags let to the Davis Manufacturing Company of Akron, without competitive bid, is threatened by a Detroit manufacturer, who says he submitted a bona fide bid of 13½ cents per pair. The successful contractor is in reality State Senator Wickline, who owns the Akron company, and who boasted during the legislative session that no one else could get the work. The Akron company has the contract for a minimum number of 190,000 pairs at 19½ cents, nearly double the number of last year when the price was 29 cents. The holder of the present contract this year on an increased number got the Massachusetts contract at 18 cents, and bid the same amount for the Indiana contract. The fact that the bids were barred, that the successful one is a state official, and that the price is not the lowest ob-

tainable will all be brought into the action. It will also be shown that Senator Wickline cannot print the tags, that he cannot equip in time for delivery, and that he is simply taking the contract to sublet with a nice commission for himself.

Republican papers like the Youngstown Telegram, edited by a member of the state central committee, are aroused at the danger that threatens the inmates of the state charitable and correctional institutions and are warning the governor to desist from his Tammany program.

Hon. Renick W. Dunlap, former dairy and food commissioner and now secretary of the decentralized board of agriculture, has restored the good old days in the farming department of the statehouse. There is a deficit of nearly \$30,000—and maybe more—in the state fair fund. Next year it is hoped to double this deficit by increasing the free pass list.

Grave fear is here expressed for the safety of Governor Willis as he crosses the Rockies. A scarcity of chicken gizzards has been reported, there's no schmierkase at that altitude, and Newt Miller still has that seven-eighths of a bottle of Green River he bought for first aid.

Ah, ha! Certificate of ownership required by the government discloses J. S. Ralston as the owner of the Columbus Saturday Monitor. Make your own comment, then it will be here discussed later.

## WILLWOOD

William Wallace expects to move on a farm near Walonding, O., soon.

Mr. and Mrs. William McElroy and Mr. and Mrs. William Parker were visitors at the State Hospital at Columbus, Ohio, Thursday. The father of Mrs. Parker who is an inmate there, is quite poorly.

Mrs. Ellen Sawyer is quite poorly at this writing.

Marcus Dewitt expects to move to Howard, O., soon.

Peter Schrist of Mansfield, Ohio, is the guest of his cousin, Mrs. A. K. Fike.

Preaching services were conducted at the Disciple church Sunday morning and evening by Rev. Robert Ross. Services every two weeks morning and evening.

Wash Rogers was a business visitor at Mt. Vernon Saturday.

David Kirk is repairing his mill dam.

## FAIRVIEW

Arthur Oldaker and family took dinner with Ray McWilliams, near Vanatta.

William Slater and wife of Mt. Vernon were callers in this neighborhood, Sunday.

Byran Tulloss has returned home after a few days visit in Columbus.

Jasper Lahmon of Newark is visiting Hugh Lahmon and family.

Wesley Jordan and wife, of Howard, were the guests of relatives here Sunday.

Chas. Channells and family visited relatives near High Water, the first of the week.

The Society of Willing Workers met with Mrs. Oscar Vance Thursday. Thirty members were present and an enjoyable time was reported. Next meeting with Mrs. C. Channell.

Mrs. B. O. Lohr and daughter, Ernestine, returned home Friday after a week visit with H. C. Sherman and family at Cass City, Mich.

## CENTERBURG

Miss Olive Lanacre of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McGuire of Centerburg spent Sunday with B. C. Ramey and wife.

Mrs. Martha Scrumm of Columbus was a week-end visitor in the home of Mrs. Perry Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bishop were Columbus visitors Monday.

Ed. Willey of Fairmont, West Virginia, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Willey, last week.

Homer Ramey of the O. N. U. won the W. C. T. U. Grand Diamond Medal at Dayton last week.

Charles Montgomery of Akron spent over Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Montgomery.

John Costello was a Columbus visitor Saturday.

D. C. Oberholtzer, wife and daughter, Miss Grace, returned Friday from a trip to the Panama exposition.

## LOCK

Mrs. Elizabeth Clutter returned Saturday from a few days' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Glenn Potter, at Maringo.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cornell of Mt. Vernon, were guests in the Mitchell home Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Crottinger visited Mr. and Mrs. Gall Shuff at St. Louisville Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. McManis of Akron is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Mitchell.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hawkins, Sunday, Sept. 19th.

Eugene Moreland has sold his place to Philip Moreland.

Mrs. Corbin of Croton visited her daughter, Mrs. Will Coe, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McBride of Columbus were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McBride, Sunday.

Miss Clara McKown is visiting in Hooking county.

Mesdames Mollie Emsweller and Blanche Dilley and Mrs. Abraham of Homer visited Mrs. W. D. Stoughton, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chrisman and sons Ralph and Clyde went to Granville Saturday to visit Mr. Charles Twining.

Mrs. Winnie Stout and son Harry of Indianapolis, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Ewing this week.

Mrs. Ella Preston of Brandon, visited her brother, J. G. Crottinger, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Myers, of Croton, visited relatives here last week.

## MILFORD

The First Milford Church building is undergoing repairs. This will be completed before a series of meetings, which will begin Oct. 8.

The Misses Grace and Margaret Mitchell have returned to Cleveland to resume their work at Hiram House.

Mrs. Leo Higgins is suffering with an

## GAMBIER

County Surveyor Clifford B. Shaw moved Tuesday to Mt. Vernon. He will reside at the corner of Burgess and McKenzie street.

Miss Cora Putnam has returned from Chicago, Ill., where she spent the summer.

The annual reception of President and Mrs. W. F. Peirce to the new students of Kenyon college and the Harcourt girls was tendered Monday evening at Cromwell cottage. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Miss Ann Putnam has departed for Washington, D. C., where she will spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson and family.

## FORMER

One of the many Mt. Vernon boys who has gone out into the world and made good, Harry Hyman of Marathon, Florida, has written his old friend, Otis S. Baker of East Gambier street, an interesting letter, describing the work in which he is now engaged. Hyman is assistant to the chief construction engineer of the Florida East Coast Railway Co.

Hyman is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hyman, this city. He is a graduate of Mt. Vernon high school, later going to the University of Pennsylvania as a runner on Penn track teams.

In 1904 the Florida East Coast railway had been extended south as far as Homestead which is 28 miles south of Miami. From this point construction work was started in 1905 on the Extension to Key West, a distance of 128 miles, 14 miles of which was on the mainland and the remainder across the string of Keys or small islands that fringe the coast and extend beyond the mainland to deep water at Key West.

As far as Knights' Key, which is 45 miles north of Key West, the islands are admirably situated for the location of the railway, affording good alignment and necessitating comparatively little bridging, the longest stretch of water being at the lower end of Long Key where a concrete viaduct, a little over three miles in length, was built. Immediately below Knights' Key is a stretch of water seven miles wide, ranging in depth from 12 to 22 feet. A few miles farther south, where Bahia Honda Channel is encountered, a through truss bridge is located, 5,100 feet in length, over water whose depth averages 30 ft. Knight's Key Bridge consists of 316 80-ft. and 19 60-ft. deck girders with 210 arches of 53 ft. span at the southerly end where shallower water is encountered, and a 253-ft.-6-in. draw span over Moser Channel. Bahia Honda bridge consists of 13 spans 128 ft. 6 in. long, 13 spans 186 ft. long and 1 span 247 ft. 6 in. long and 9 plate girders of 80 ft. span. There are 42 permanent bridges on the Key West Extension, including four drawbridges, varying in length from several hundred feet to seven miles. The construction on the Extension resolved itself into three methods: grading across the Everglades and other submerged lands, grading across the Keys and bridge work. On the Extension there are approximately 14 miles of concrete viaducts and nine miles of steel bridges.

At Key West all the land needed for terminals was made by pumping material by hydraulic dredge, as no land was available on Key West Island. At the present time the terminal contains about 12 miles of track, besides all other facilities for handling freight and passenger traffic including car ferry to Havana, Cuba. The terminal wharves are built of concrete and contain 5600 lineal feet of concrete piers in water varying in depth from 24 to 44 feet, 12 ft. thick beneath the water line. The embankments along the line are protected from wave action by maul which is dredged from the water among the Keys and then unloaded from dump cars along the fill. This maul is of such consistency that it takes a natural slope of about 5 to 1, corresponding very nearly to a

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## BIRTHS

A son was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor, who reside a short distance west of North Liberty.

Mrs. R. J. Wisner and Mrs. Jessie Mosier returned Monday evening from a week's visit with relatives in Pittsburgh and Jeannette, Pa.

## CLINTON BERNHART

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bernhart of Columbus are the guests of Mrs. Bernhart's aunt, Mrs. Katherine Scarbrough of West Gambier street.

Frank Turner went to Columbus Tuesday to spend several days on business.

A. J. Teeter went to Columbus Tuesday to spend the day transacting business.

Mrs. Jasper Huddleston of Centerburg is spending several days with Fire Chief and Mrs. U. G. Pickard.

beach slope. About twenty million cubic yards has been placed to date, and about two million yards more of this maul will be needed to give the protection desired. The road was built by Henry M. Flagler and was opened to Key West January 22nd, 1912."

## KENYON

To Have Light Team Because Freshmen Can't Play

Gambler, Sept. 28.—Kenyon does not expect to play Freshmen, owing to a ruling which states that when the total enrollment exceeds 141 students, first-year men cannot participate in conference games. This news comes as a sad blow to the prospects for a winning team and Coach Kelleher must now face the discouraging proposition of picking a team from the few remaining eligible men. The task is a gigantic one, especially for a new coach, as there are few men of football ability among the older students now enrolled.

Kenyon will be weak, the weakest it has been in years, and can only hope for a team capable of holding the teams on its schedule to low scores.

In the face of this discouragement, Coach Kelleher has been working for the past week in preparation for the opening game with Otterbein on Oct. 2. Owing to the backfield being light, Kelleher must depend upon formations for any success, and numerous plays of this order are being tried out. Galberach and Lowry will probably take care of the half-back positions. Shafstall is being tried out at full, but the position is not at all decided. Shafer, a Cleveland boy and Kenyon's all-around athlete, will handle the pivot position.

A new candidate has appeared for an end position—Brown, former Dayton high school star. His work is one of the pleasing factors in the practice thus far. As a result, Captain Kinder, last year's end, has been shifted to a tackle, where he originally played his first year at Kenyon.

Steinfeld, captain at basketball and a new man at football, is making a fight for guard. Ader, Axtell, Williams and Van Voorhis, all of last year's varsity, will take care of the remaining line positions.

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